Circular re Holidays.

32 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued any circular directing officers to attend offices during holidays; and

(*b*) whether that circular affects the working of courts on public holidays?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*a*) Yes, a circular dated the 7th April 1942.

(*b*) The circular is no more in force.

E. S. L. C. Examination.

33 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the State average of marks for the various subjects in the E. S. L. C. Examination conducted by the Government during the year 1942?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The State average of marks for the various subjects in the E. S. L. C. Examination of 1942 is as follows:—

English	...	39
Malayalam	...	39
Tamil	...	40
Sanskrit	...	38
Arabic	...	46
English Composition	...	40
Hindi	...	39
Latin	...	43
French	...	45
Elementary Mathematics	...	39
Elementary Science	...	38
History and Geography	...	34

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: There are first and second papers in English and Malayalam. May I know the average for the first and second papers for English and Malayalam?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That information is published in the gazette under date the 1st June 1942.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: In view of the low average of marks English 39, Malayalam 39, am I to understand that it is due to inefficient tuition?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The average is not very different from what it has been in previous years.

Statements and depositions given before the Taluk Cutcherry.

34. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether statements and depositions given by parties before the Taluk Cutcherry are generally recorded by the Tahsildars themselves or by their clerks?

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MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: They are generally recorded by the clerks in the presence and under the direction of the Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether statements are ever prepared in the absence of Tahsildars?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: If the Tahsildar is away on circuit, the Deputy Tahsildar will always be in the office.

Pulaya candidates for the E. S. L. C. Examination.

35. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of pupils from the Pulaya community who appeared for the last E. S. L. C. Examination and the number that came out successful?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Thirty three pupils appeared, of whom eight came out successful.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഈ നമ്പർ പേരിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെയും, വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികളെയും എന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I am sorry I have not got the detailed figures.

PRESIDENT: The Honourable member may impart the information at a later stage.

MR. T. T. KESAVA SASTRI: വിജയികളിൽസ്ത്രീകൾ എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയുമോ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I will supply the information later.

Lawyers' Dress.

36. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations and resolutions asking for modification of the circular of the High Court *re* the dress of Lawyers?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Yes.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government are not entitled to take any action. It is left to the discretion of the High Court.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Is it not the duty of the Government to ask for their explanation or call for their report on the representations they receive?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer to the next question will show what has been done in this respect. The High Court has considered the matter and decided that they do not find it necessary to interfere with the existing practice.

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